

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action issued July 24, 2007. Claims 1-14 are pending in this Application with Claims 15-20 being withdrawn. In order to advance prosecution of this case, Claims 15-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-14. Claims 15-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer for further prosecution in a divisional application in order that Claims 1-14 may proceed to issuance.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicant does not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,
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